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(54) Title: FORMULATION OF 5-HT AGONISTS WITH NSAIDS, ESPECIALLY COX-2 INHIBITORS, FOR TREATING MIGRAINE

(57) Abstract: This invention comprises a method of treating migraine in a human comprising co-timely administering of a therapeutically effective amount of a 5-HT agonist coordinated with a therapeutically effective amount of an NSAID, particularly a long-acting NSAID, and particularly of the class of NSAIDs termed cyclooxygenase-2 inhibitors (COX-2 inhibitors) such as celecoxib (Celebrex[®]), rofecoxib (Vioxx[®]), meloxicam, piroxicam, JTE-522, L-745,337, and NS398, and in some instances, doses below those ordinarily considered as minimum effective doses as to one or both 5-HT agonist and long-acting NSAID. Dosage forms are included herein.

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Present claims 1-23 and 25-38 relate to methods and compositions involving compounds defined by reference to desirable characteristics or properties, namely agonism of the 5-HT receptor, analgesic activity, anti-inflammatory activity, inhibition of COX-2, and establishing certain peak blood- or blood plasma levels of an (unspecified) compound. The claims cover all compounds having these characteristics or properties, whereas the application provides support within the meaning of Article 6 PCT and/or disclosure within the meaning of Article 5 PCT for only a very limited number of such compounds. In the present case, the claims so lack support, and the application so lacks disclosure, that a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope is impossible. Independent of the above reasoning, the claims also lack clarity (Article 6 PCT). A compound cannot be sufficiently defined by its mechanism of action and/or its pharmacological profile. Again, this lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search over the whole of the claimed scope impossible.

Furthermore, the claims relate to an extremely large number of possible compositions and methods by means of the above expressions, as well as terms like "sub-MED amounts", "long-acting", "co-timely", and "about". The term "non-Non Steroidal Anti Inflammatory Drug" is confusing, as it should be taken to mean "Steroidal AID", which would render claims 31 and 32, and page 2, lines 30-31 of the description, contradictory. This term was read as "non-steroidal, non-opiate anti-inflammatory drug possibly not listed as anti-inflammatory".

The term "sub-MED amounts" (claims 26-28) is not sufficiently defined on page 7, lines 26-31, especially in view of the definition of "therapeutically effective amount" (page 9, under "B") which is used in independent claim 1, upon which claims 26-28 depend. Besides, page 7 does not define "sub-MED" amounts for all possible 5-HT agonists and (non-) NSAID analgesics.

The term "long-acting" (claim 35), although defined for some NSAIDs on page 8, under "A", does not specify the meaning of this term in relation to COX-2 inhibitors in general and in relation to celecoxib in particular.

The term "co-timely" (claims 29,33) is not sufficiently defined on page 15, under "C", lines 9-10.

Due to the above, a lack of clarity (and/or conciseness) within the meaning of Article 6 PCT arises to such an extent as to render a meaningful search of the complete scope of the claims impossible.

Finally, the scope of claim 20 is not readily identifiable because of the wording: "less than about from about...".

Consequently, the search has been carried out for those parts of the claims which appear to be clear, concise, supported and disclosed, namely those parts relating to the specific compounds, compositions and methods referred to in present claims 3-20, 22-24, 30-32, 34 and 36-40, and disclosed in the examples, with due regard to the description and to the general idea underlying the application.

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Claims 24, 39 and 40 have been completely searched.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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